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Presidents Report

Hi everyone and welcome to 2025, the year has started with a bang and already we are busy. You will see on our Facebook site (link below) we have shared a link for a petition on National Parks we are supporting this and are working with others to make it happen, so please sign and add your name to the list.

LINK TO PETITION [HERE](#)

Well the Great Koala Park is up and running although I am not sure how it is going to end up as this is a political driven park not one based on conservation, I have had a meeting with the planning team and it is all very much up in the air. We will keep you up to date with any info that we get.

If you are out and about keep an eye out for track closures due to fires, a good place to keep up to date is the NSWPS site and remember to make sure any fires that you have are completely extinguished.

Last year was a little bit different for us, we even had a area that was going to be converted from State Forest to Parks dumped by Parks, I have not seen this happen before so we know that they are stretched for resources and we see this reflected in a lot of places. On the other hand we see a lot of money being spent on other areas like The Gardens of Stone with a lot of infrastructure happening, we would be a lot happier if we could see some more remote places maintained, mainly down the south of the state.

The Classic registration scheme is now really starting to gather momentum with more people understanding how it works, this is a great tool for your club to use to gain membership.

Cheers.

Craig Thomas
President



Lavis Lane Pop up Inflation Station Sat 11th & Sun 12th January 2025

We are running a popup stand again in January 2025. We are strongly encouraging Clubs from the Sydney area to come along and help out. We have found that 2/3rds of the people we spoke to at previous events are from the Sydney region.

What we do, have a chat with people, give them some tips if they are new to beach driving, provide information about the clubs if people want to know more. We also have a compressor so people can inflate their tyres as a way to engage with those that may not otherwise stop and have a chat. Generally, get the 4WD NSW & ACT brand out in front of 4WDers.

Maybe you feel you don't have the 4WD experience or not sure about chatting with the public, don't let this put you off. We can give knowledge to help & there will be plenty of experienced people on hand & there will be supporting tasks you can help with.

The Association will provide flyers about the Sydney Region and Hunter Region along with a few other flyers for general information. There are also stickers to give out so its easy to approach people as they stop.

We encourage you to bring your club flyers with you to promote your own club.

We are working to make a weekend of it. Camping at [Bucketsway camp and stay](#) about 20 mins from the beach, and run a trip on the Sunday.

Let us know if you are coming along or if you have questions



Brock Smith
Hunter Region Secretary
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Our Prospecting club is holding a combined fossicking event at the Oberon Visitors Centre Sat 18th January,

Here's the link to check out the event, bookings are a must if people want to have a play with the gear or just turn up and watch.

<https://www.visitoberon.com/events/oberon-fossicking-frenzy/>

Session Bookings are free via Humanitix <https://events.humanitix.com/oberon-fossicking-frenzy>

So...

- The club will run 5 sessions for the day about an hour each, those who booked in will get to play with metal detectors in the fossicking area next to the centre.
- A local will be showing gem wash tips and tricks the Bathurst Lapidary club will be displaying as well, a coffee van and hopefully Sausage Sizzle going for food. So an overall community event.

- We are looking for new members to join as well as trying this for the first time with the Centre, if it works, we may do more.
- We've yet to organise a raffle or door prize for those booking yet that should be in place in a few weeks and we'll add it to the info.

Please feel free to call me if you need any additional info...

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Just before Christmas a concerned member contacted me with details of the new Kia Tasman advertisement that had a drag chain being connected to a tow ball to pull down trees. It's alarming that in 2025 this is still happening and that vehicle manufacturers have no understanding of safety in the vehicles that they sell.

I immediately contacted Kia and within 24 hours the advertisement had been edited with the offending part removed. It was a good response from Kia but it should never have gone to air in the first place.

It does look like a great vehicle and we hope Kia has success with it.

Cheers.

Craig Thomas

President

Towing Education - 1 day course

If you are interested in doing a towing course, there are a few spots available on a course being run by the Southern Cross 4WD Club

Date: February 23rd 2025

Cost: \$265.00

Location: Nirimba tafe (the old airstrip)

Run by: Stewart Nicholls - STC education

It's a full day course, but NOT a certified course.

If you are interested in booking one of the few remaining spots contact Mark on the number below.

Be quick to secure your spot. This is the only course.

Regards

Mark Romer

Southern Cross 4wd club

Secretary | Association delegate

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2025 membership stickers are ready now!.

Contact me with details for posting office@4wdnow.com Maggie





Clean Up Australia Day 2025

Clubs in the Hunter are hosting an Event for Clean-up Australia Day (2nd March) at Ourimbah State Forest. Ourimbah State Forest is only a short run up the M1 for Sydney Clubs who want to participate.

Register here or scan the QR code <https://register.cleanup.org.au/fundraisers/noelskimmingssskimmings/ourimbah--wyong-state-forest>



We will be having a sausage sizzle for lunch, provided by Forest Corporation. Want to help but not physical able to participate in the clean-up? Come along and lend a hand on the BBQ or help us with some photos and a report, just let us know. Let us know if you an bring a trailer or a Ute.

Noel Skimmings

Hunter Region Chair

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17th - 18th May 2025

Do you some cooking skills or just want to have some fun? It's a relaxing weekend to set up camp, spend your days touring in this beautiful part of NSW, and your nights around a fire or having fun at trivia. Powered or unpowered sites available for booking. You could also stay in town in a bit more comfort if that's your thing. We are still working on the details, so for now, put it in your diary and watch the newsletters for updates. If you want to help with the planning please contact office@4wdnow.com



Great Camping Facilities

- Camping available from Friday(16th) night to Monday (19th) morning.
- Exclusive lush grass camping area
- Hot showers
- Powered sites
- Welcome pack with event sticker

Saturday

- Cook Off with medals and trophies
- Winery Tour
- 5pm nibbles
- Trivia Night with great prizes
- Touring Trips of the local area
- Observation Rally with prizes
- Treasure Hunt with prizes

Sunday

- Sunday morning breakfast
- Quarterly Meeting with door prize

Tickets available soon - watch the newsletters for more details

Tickets cover all nights 3 nights from Friday to Sunday. Bookings only available though our benefits website. <https://benefits.4wdnow.com/>

See you at **COCO 2025**.

JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....



Red Cross First Aid Course

I have had a few inquiries about another Sydney Course for members.

If you or your club are interested please email office@4wdnow.com

We need 20 participants to run the course.

Need a ZOOM meeting?

Do you need a zoom meeting for your club?

You are welcome to use the Association account.

Please email Maggie with date, start time and duration.

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This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties.

If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me.

If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club please email office@4wdnow.com.

Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.

The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.

- Maggie Thomas.

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